

Species III, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is stretchable synthetic yarn knitted fabric; and

Species IIIm, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is stretchable blended yarn knitted fabric.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species III, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is stretchable synthetic yarn knitted fabric, as set forth in claim 8, with traverse.

Species III

The Examiner has further required an election in the present application between:

Species IIIa, a surface treatment as set forth in claim 13;

Species IIIb, a surface treatment as set forth in claim 14;

Species IIIc, a surface treatment as set forth in claim 15; and

Species IIId, a surface treatment as set forth in claim 16.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species IIIc, a surface treatment as set forth in claim 15, with traverse.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Moreover, because at least the generic claims should be in condition for allowance, these Election of Species Requirements should also be overcome and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

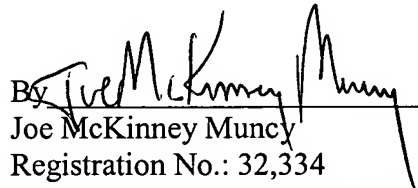
In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

The present response is being timely filed within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Notice of Non-Responsiveness and, as such, no extension of time fees should be due.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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